

I fully support the NCVEC petition. I learned CW many years ago while in high school, and developed my proficiency to 10 WPM. Since that time I have forgotten most, if not all, of the code. I have no desire to re-learn because I recognize that I will never use it. I have many talents in the computer arena, and have much to offer other hams in the incorporation of computers and HF. But, as long as CW proficiency remains a stumbling block for me I will continue to operate only on UHF. Call me stubborn, but I have less time in life to spend learning a skill I will never use. If I want to drive a bus I will study for a Commercial Driver License (CDL). If I want to fly a plane, I shouldn't first be required to obtain a CDL. If I want to operate CW I will certainly regain my proficiency. If I want to work with data transmissions in HF, I shouldn't be forced to pass an outdated CW requirement. Respectfully submitted - Bart Hamilton KD7VLC